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Public meetings set for future Williams Gateway Freeway in East Valley

Public meetings will be held in Mesa and Gold Canyon **as part of a study to determine a specific location for the future Williams Gateway Freeway** in the East Valley. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) says its study team wants to hear from the local community to help with early plans for the freeway.

The east-west **Williams Gateway Freeway**, also designated as State Route 802, **is slated to begin at the Loop 202 (Santan Freeway) near Warner and Hawes roads in Mesa and head eastward into Pinal County**, with potential connections to either US 60 or State Route 79 (see study area map on attached document).

The portion of SR 802 in Maricopa County is funded through the Phoenix area's Regional Transportation Plan approved by voters in 2004, **with construction scheduled within the plan's third phase (2016 to 2020)**. The portion of SR 802 in Pinal County is not yet funded.

ADOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will host the Williams Gateway Freeway public meetings as follows:

**Thursday, April 19
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
ASU East Student Union
Building #195 Ballroom B
7001 E. Williams Field Road
Mesa 85212**

**Tuesday, April 24
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Gold Canyon Best Western
8333 E. Sunrise Sky Drive
Gold Canyon 85218**

A brief presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. at each of the meetings. The same information will be provided at each meeting. Representatives from ADOT, the FHWA and a consulting team will be on hand to answer questions and accept comments about the future freeway.

Written comments can be sent to:
ADOT Environmental Planning (SR 802)
c/o KDA
4545 E. Shea Boulevard
Suite 108, Phoenix 85028

Written comments should be submitted by May 11th, 2007.

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